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Exceptionally cold weather has prevailed over the British Islands, and in many parts there was a sharp frost during the night of 20th May. At Greenwich the thermometer in the shade fell to the freezing point on the grass exposed to the sky, and it was 20 deg. There was a minimum on April 21st, when the thermometer in the shade fell to 14 deg., and on the grass to 24 deg., or 8 deg. below frost, and at Stornoway, York, and on the bridge the reading in the creek was 10 deg. For three consecutive days the thermometer reading has been below the freezing point. In the eastern stations the maximum windings have fallen considerably short. In London the thermometer has just reached 50 deg., which is the average in the temperature for the middle of the month, the beginning of November, and to twenty years ago it had been in the middle of May. On 20th May the thermometer has failed to reach 56 deg. at Greenwich, and only two days ago it was in the middle of the month. For three successive nights the thermometer in London has been below freezing point. In the metropolis on the 20th the snow was current on the lower places in the country, and in Scotland, and in some parts of Wales. Snow has also fallen in places in the South of England.

Six hundred designs for new postage stamps have been forwarded to the French Government which offered a prize to the designer. One bearing an effigy of the Emperor is much in favour.

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(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Premises, Queen's Road.)	
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TEMPERATURE—	9 A.M. .... 81°
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Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M. .... 78°
Do.	Do. 1 P.M. .... 78°
Do.	Do. 4 P.M. .... 78°
Do. Maximum	... 84°
Do. Minimum over night	... 76°



